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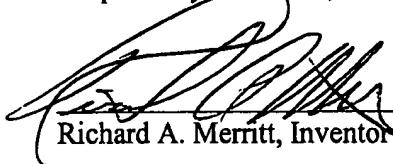
Applicant is aware of the following references listed on the attached PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed:


	<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
TP	3,072,162	Creed	Jan 1963
TP	3,706,114	Waechter	Dec 1972
TP	3,811,153	Rizzo	May 1974
TP	4,139,760	Banks	Febr 1979
TP	4,590,644	Maniscalco	May 1986
TP	D348,184	Neshat et al	June 1994
TP	5,482,500	Boettner et al	Jan 1996

The above-listed references are, in the belief and opinion of the undersigned, the closest art of which the applicant is aware as of the date of execution of the Declaration in the above-captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date


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